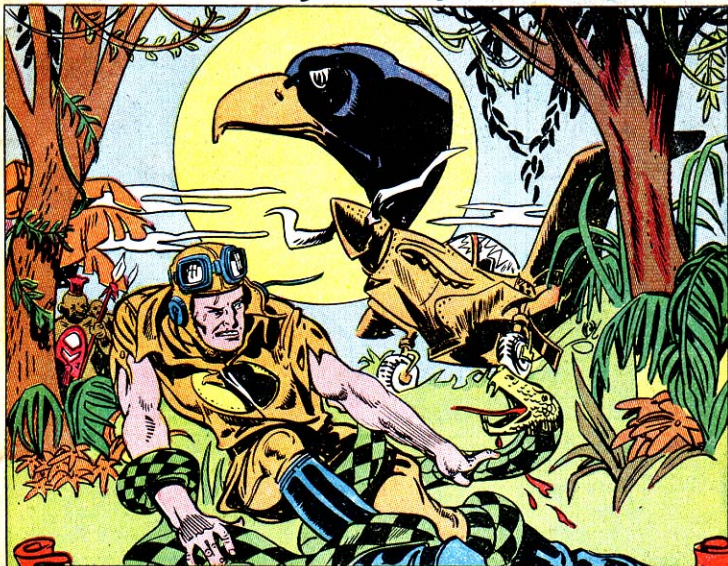


# THE GOLDEN EAGLE



**D**URING THE WAR, THE FLIER KNOWN AS **GOLDEN EAGLE**, WAS A MAN WHO BELIEVED DEEPLY IN **DEMOCRACY**. WITH THE WAR OVER, HE HAS A BITTER FIGHT ON HIS HANDS, WHEN HE FINDS A PLACE WHERE DEMOCRACY IS NOT... AND THE **"PLUMED SERPENT"** FLIES....



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OH... THIS IS JUST DANDY...  
I'M FIFTY MILES AWAY  
FROM MY DESTINATION  
WITH NO WATER AND A  
CRUDE MAP...



I DON'T EVEN HAVE A **MACHETE**  
... MY ONLY HOPE IS TO FIND  
SOME FRIENDLY NATIVES...



**SUDDENLY!**

UGH... AN ANACONDA! THIS  
OUGHT TO MAKE A NICE  
PLACE FOR A REAL ESTATE  
DEVELOPMENT...



MAN FROM BIG BIRD,  
EVEN THOUGH HE WALKS  
WITH BIRD, IS NOT  
A GOD...!

NO...THE SERPENT  
DIDN'T PAY HIM  
HOMAGE! COME...  
WE LEAVE HIM  
TO HIS FATE...



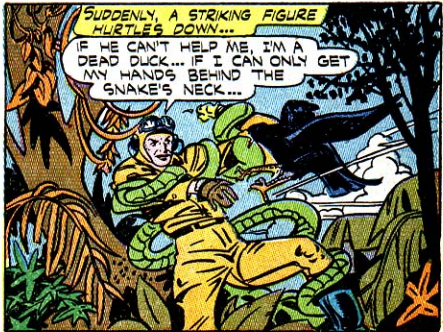
**COILING, CONSTRICTING, DEATH  
COMES CLOSE...**

GUESS I'M NOT IN  
CONDITION... THIS IS  
GETTING A TRIFLE  
RUGGED...



**SUDDENLY, A STRIKING FIGURE  
HURTLES DOWN...**

IF HE CAN'T HELP ME, I'M A  
DEAD DUCK... IF I CAN ONLY GET  
MY HANDS BEHIND THE  
SNAKE'S NECK...



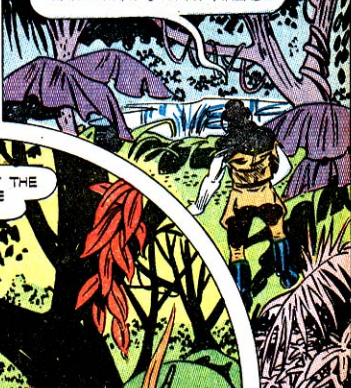
WITH LIBERTY'S HELP AND SOME BRUTE FORCE ON THE SNAKE'S NECK, THERE IS A SUDDEN SNAP.... AND...

...WHEW... THAT WAS AN AWFULLY CLOSE CALL.... I THOUGHT I WAS A GONER...

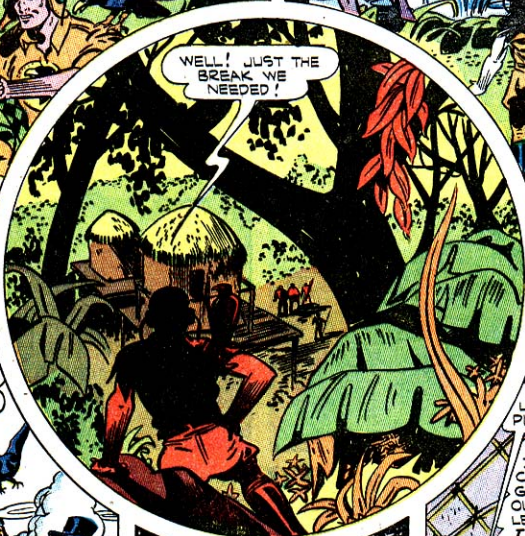


FORCING A WAY THROUGH THE UNDERBRUSH IS LIKE FIGHTING A MYRIAD OF CONSTRUCTORS...

I FEEL AS IF I WALKED FROM NEW YORK TO CHICAGO... WAIT... WHAT'S THAT AHEAD...



WELL! JUST THE BREAK WE NEEDED!



...CAN I GET SOME WAT... HEY...!! LAY OFF... I'M A FRIEND!!



NOT FAR AWAY...

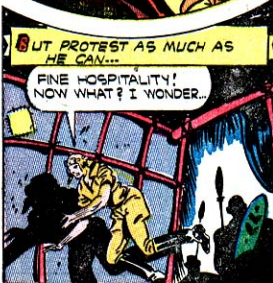
A WHITE MAN, HUH? BATTON, DO YOU THINK ANYONE HAS LEARNED OUR PLANS?

QUIET, SLATTERY, I THINK WE CAN USE THIS GUY TO SUIT OUR PURPOSES! LETME THINK... I GOT IT!!

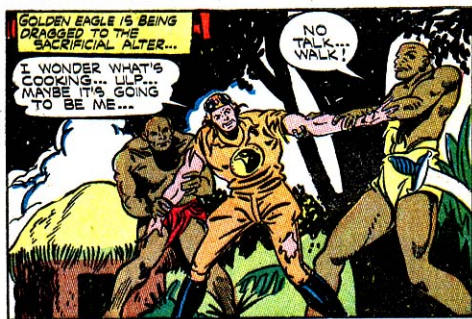
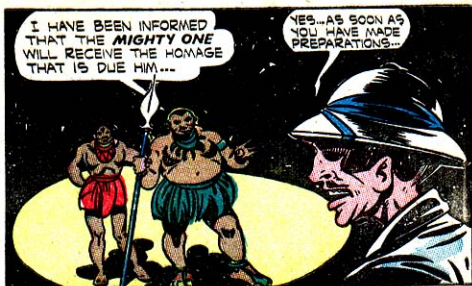
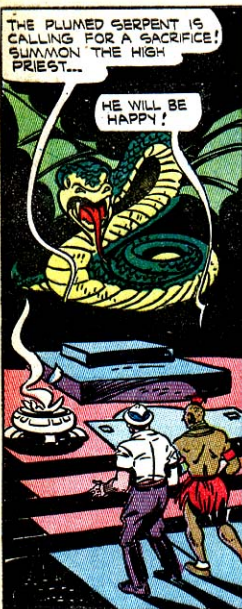


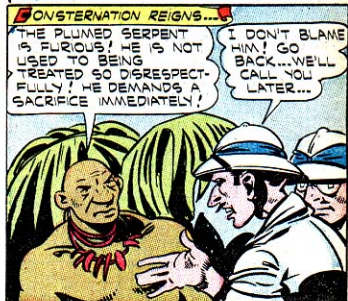
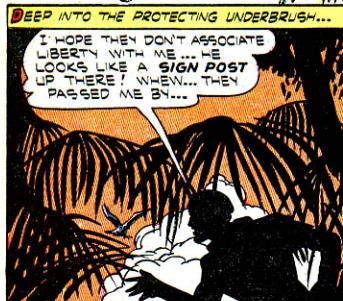
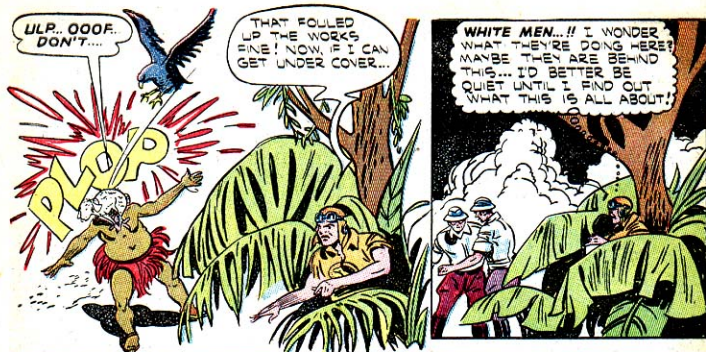
BUT PROTEST AS MUCH AS HE CAN...

FINE HOSPITALITY! NOW WHAT? I WONDER...











BUT THAT  
**LITTLE**  
**CONTRIBUTION**  
WILL NET US A  
FORTUNE!

SO, THAT'S THEIR SET-UP... I'LL  
BET THEY DON'T PROTECT THE  
NATIVES AT ALL WHEN THEY'RE  
DIGGING... LET'S SEE... THERE  
SHOULD BE SOME WAY THAT I  
CAN UPSET THEIR APPLECART!

I THINK WITH YOUR HELP  
LIBERTY, WE MAY BE ABLE  
TO TRAP THESE RATS OR  
AT LEAST PUT THEM OUT  
OF BUSINESS! FOLLOW  
ME WHILE I GO BACK  
AND GET THE SNAKE!

**LIBERTY WATCHES...**

NOW, IF  
I CAN  
MAKE HIM  
UNDERSTAND  
...I HAVE  
TO TAKE  
THE CHANCE!

WHEN  
THE  
NATIVES  
ARE AT  
THE  
ALTER...

**MIGHTY  
PLUMED  
SERPENT,**  
GIVE US A  
SIGN! SHOW  
US THY  
PRESENCE!

NOW'S  
THE TIME... IF  
THIS WORKS, THOSE  
WHITE MEN ARE  
GOING TO BE VERY  
UNHAPPY!



SUDDENLY... AS THOUGH IN ANSWER, A WIERD SIGHT SWOOPS INTO VIEW...

GEE...WHAT A WIERD SIGHT...LIBERTY WITH THE DEAD SNAKE DRAPED AROUND HIM!



MIGHTY ONE! I'M LUCKY! YOU'VE GOTTEN US A SIGN! SPEAK TO US... SPEAK...

THIS WORSHIP IS DISTASTEFUL TO ME! END IT! YOU YOURSELVES OF THE WHITE MEN WHO STARTED IT! I WISH TO GO BACK TO YOUR ANCESTORS WHERE I BELONG... BACK TO THE AZTECS!



THAT SHOULD DO IT! OH, BROTHER WAIT TILL THOSE CHARACTERS COME BACK... THEY'RE IN FOR A LITTLE SURPRISE! NOW, I STILL HAVE TO GET TO ROYO DEL ORO...



LUCKY BREAK, FINDING A RIVER BOAT NEARBY, ENDS THE JOURNEY...

WE'D STILL BE KNEE-DEEP IN JUNGLE IF I HADN'T FOUND THIS RIVER BOAT! HERE WE ARE...NOW FOR MR. MASTERS! WE'LL HAVE TO EXPLAIN THE REASON FOR OUR DELAY!



I'M GLAD YOU COULD COME, GOLDEN EAGLE, YOU NEED NOT EXPLAIN YOUR DELAY! MY PROBLEM IS SERIOUS! NATURAL HAVE SUDDENLY RENEWED THEIR OLD CUSTOMS...

I HEAR A FAMILIAR RING IN YOUR STORY!



...THE ANCIENT PRACTICE OF SACRIFICIAL WORSHIP OF THE AZTEC PLUMED SERPENT! SOME BLACK-GLARUS ARE USING THIS MEANS TO MAKE THEM WORK FOR RADOLM MINES, AND THEY ARE DYING LIKE FLIES FROM RADOLM ACTIVE BURNS...WHY DON'T YOU LOOK SO DREAD, GOLDEN EAGLE...

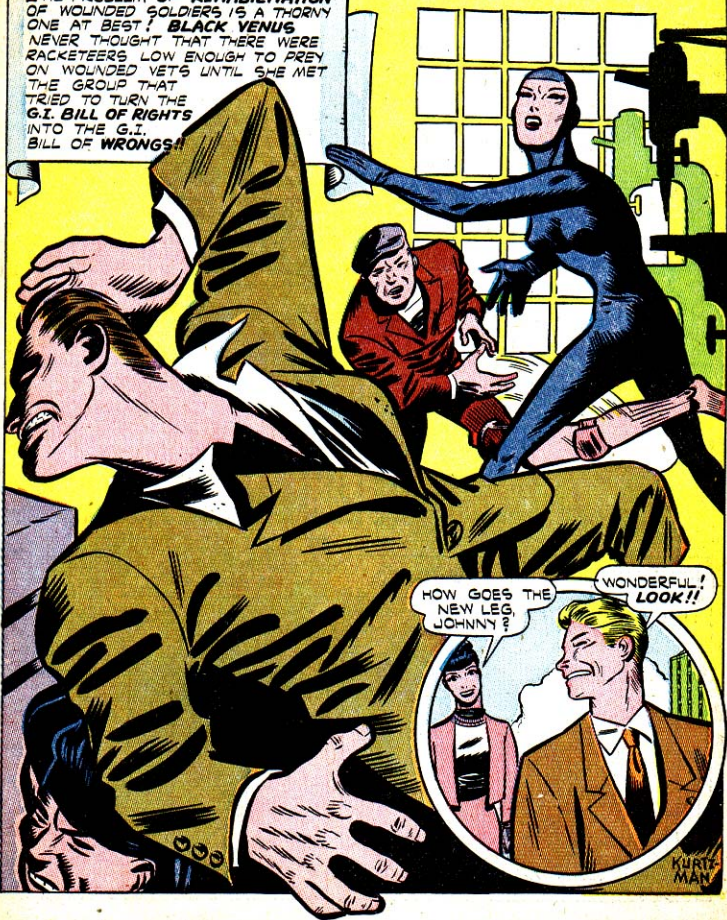
HA! HA! MR. MASTERS, THIS IS MY FASTEST CASE ON RECORD! LIBERTY AND I SOLVED YOUR PROBLEM BEFORE WE GOT HERE! TAKE A BOW... LIBERTY!





# BLACK VENUS

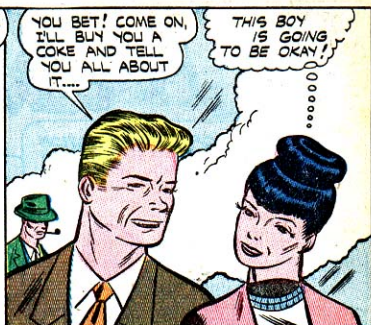
THE PROBLEM OF REHABILITATION OF WOUNDED SOLDIERS IS A THORNY ONE AT BEST! **BLACK VENUS** NEVER THOUGHT THAT THERE WERE RACKETEERS LOW ENOUGH TO PREY ON WOUNDED VETS UNTIL SHE MET THE GROUP THAT TRIED TO TURN THE **G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS** INTO THE **G.I. BILL OF WRONGS!**





HOW DO YOU LIKE **THIS**?

JOHNNY, THIS IS THE **LIVELIEST** YOU'VE BEEN SINCE YOU RETURNED TO **CIVVIES!!**

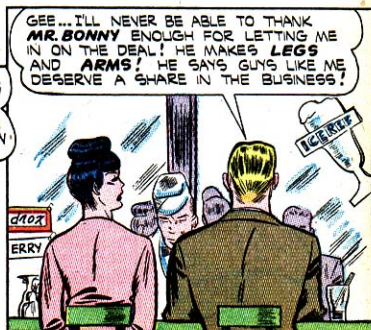


YOU BET! COME ON, I'LL BUY YOU A COKE AND TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT....

THIS BOY IS GOING TO BE OKAY!



THE MOST WONDERFUL THING HAS HAPPENED! I BORROWED MONEY UNDER THE **G.I. BILL OF RIGHTS**, AND NOW I AM IN BUSINESS... I'M GOING TO BE A **MILLIONAIRE!!**



GEE... I'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO THANK **MR. BONNY** ENOUGH FOR LETTING ME IN ON THE DEAL! HE MAKES **LEGS** AND **ARMS**! HE SAYS GUYS LIKE ME DESERVE A SHARE IN THE BUSINESS!



HEY... C'MON SMILE, KID! I'M IN THE **BIG TIME** NOW!

I HOPE YOU ARE, JOHNNY! LET ME HAVE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THIS **MR. BONNY**, WILL YOU?

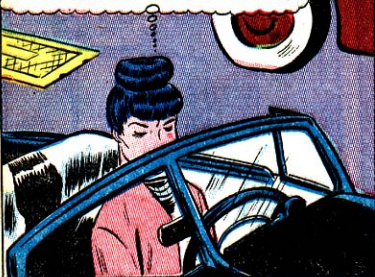


TAKE IT EASY, JOHNNY, AND DON'T GET TOO EXCITED TILL I CHECK THIS DEAL... DO YOU HEAR?

DON'T WORRY... I KNOW IT'S NOT MONEY! I'LL SEE YOU...



I WONDER IF I'M GETTING TOO SUSPICIOUS  
IN MY OLD AGE... I THINK **BLACK VENUS**  
IS THE GAL TO INVESTIGATE THIS!



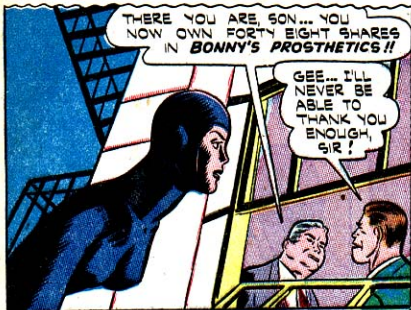
THAT'S THE KIND  
OF ADVERTISING  
I HATE! WISH I  
HAD MORE TO  
GO ON THAN A  
HUNCH!!



**S**LIM AS A REED, SILENT AS THE NIGHT, A  
BLACK SILHOUETTE GLIDES ALONG....

THERE YOU ARE, SON... YOU  
NOW OWN FORTY EIGHT SHARES  
IN **BONNY'S PROSTHETICS!!**

GEE... I'LL  
NEVER BE  
ABLE TO  
THANK YOU  
ENOUGH,  
SIR!



I'M THE ONE THAT SHOULD  
THANK YOU, AFTER ALL YOU  
DID FOR OUR COUNTRY!

IT'S NICE TO KNOW THAT  
SOME OF MY BUDDIES WILL  
BENEFIT ALSO, BECAUSE  
OF MY INVESTMENT!



H'MM... NOT  
A BAD DAY  
AT ALL!

THAT DOESN'T  
TELL ME A  
THING... I  
BETTER GET  
A MOVE ON!



EVERYTHING LOOKS AND  
SOUNDS ALL RIGHT!  
MAYBE I WAS TOO  
HASTY WITH MY  
THOUGHTS...



